



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 02051
2. **NAME** *No. 1 Fire Station (fmr)* (1901; 1906, 1911; 1970s)  
**OTHER NAMES** Fire Brigade No. 1 Station; Central Fire Station; Fire Safety Centre; Perth City Fire Station; FESA Education & Heritage Centre
3. **LOCATION** 25 Murray Street, Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Portion of Lot 23 on Diagram 42412 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1628 Folio 556 as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 2051 prepared by Midland Survey Services
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **OWNER** Fire & Emergency Services Authority of WA
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim	13/03/1992
	Permanent Entry	18/11/2008
• National Trust Classification:	Recorded	01/12/1975
• Town Planning Scheme:	Yes	20/12/1985
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	13/03/2001
• Register of the National Estate:	Permanent	21/03/1978
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*No. 1 Fire Station (fmr)*, a two-storey rock-faced limestone building with a tile roof, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

constructed in 1900, the place was the first purpose-built fire station in Western Australia, and the largest and most comprehensively equipped fire station in the State for almost 80 years;

a well-known landmark, the place makes a positive contribution to the streetscape and is an integral component of the historic Murray Street East Precinct, which comprises a number of former Government, administrative and ecclesiastical buildings dating from c.1900;

the place is an outstanding example of the Federation Romanesque style of architecture, and is rare as a secular building designed by prominent Perth architectural firm Cavanagh and Cavanagh;

as the headquarters for the Western Australian Fire and Rescue Service the place represents changes in fire and emergency services management in Western Australia since 1900;

in its role as a museum and heritage and education centre, the place provides an understanding of fire fighting, a specialised occupation of great importance to the people of Western Australia; and,

numerous examples of technical excellence and innovation in fire fighting were developed at the place. Many of these were developed under the leadership of James McFarlane Lapsley, who was Superintendent of the Perth Fire Brigade from 1897 to 1910 and later the first Chief Officer of WA Fire Brigades from 1910 to 1922.